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Vacancy to be filled on Washington nursing commission

OLYMPIA — Applications are being accepted through the end of March for an open position on the Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission.

Health officials are interested in recruiting applicants for one registered nurse position (nurse manager or nurse executive). The governor appoints nursing commission members to serve four-year terms. The open position will become available July 1.

The Governor's Office is looking for diversity in commission membership. You can find an application on the <u>governor's website</u> (www.governor.wa.gov/boards/default.asp). Applications are also available by contacting the commission's Deputy Executive Director <u>Terry West</u> at 360-236-4712.

The nursing commission's responsibilities include making and reviewing policies, writing advisory opinions and rules, reviewing investigations, participating in disciplinary hearings and charging panels, and providing technical assistance to students and licensees. It meets for one to two days, about six times a year. Members are paid \$250 a day and are reimbursed for travel expenses.

The state Department of Health has opportunities to serve on other boards, commissions, and committees. Contact Diana Nelson at 360-236-2903 for more information.

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